

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
May 16, 2017

Mayor Paul M. Shapiro called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keane, Kochenburger, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Sargent, Shaiken, Shapiro  
Excused: Marcellino

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(A)

Mayor Shapiro stated there was no need for an executive session.

2. Appointment of Interim Town Manager

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Sargent seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, pursuant to Chapter C501(B)(2) of the Mansfield Town Charter, to appoint Maria E. Capriola to serve as Interim Town Manager for the Town of Mansfield, for an initial period to run from July 4, 2017 through October 1, 2017. During the period in which she serves as Interim Town Manager, Ms. Capriola's salary shall be increased by 15% and her other employment-related benefits as a regular nonunion employee shall remain in place. At the conclusion of her service as interim Town Manager, and if she is not appointed to the permanent Town Manager's position, Ms. Capriola shall return to her position as Assistant Town Manager with the salary and employment-related benefits assigned to that position.

Ms. Moran, Chair of the Personnel Committee, stated that while Ms. Capriola's training and background make her the best fit for the interim appointment, the interim appointment does not influence the selection of a permanent Town Manager or the Council's commitment to a full and open search process.

Councilors discussed details of the resolution.

Mr. Sargent moved and Ms. Raymond seconded to amend the resolution to decrease the proposed salary increase from 15% to 12%.

After some discussion, Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Sargent seconded to move into executive session to discuss the terms of employment. Motion passed with all in favor except Keane and Raymond.

Mayor Shapiro reconvened the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Mr. Sargent withdrew his amendment to the resolution.

Mayor Shapiro stated that Ms. Capriola's appointment is the best option for the Interim Town Manager position as she has shown herself to be prepared for the task. The Mayor apologized for the length of time the discussion concerning compensation occurred in public session.

The Resolution, as originally presented, passed unanimously.

## II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Paul M. Shapiro, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk